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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/804,018  
Applicants: Kenichi TOKANO, et al.  
Filing Date: March 19, 2004  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME  
Group Art Unit: 2814  
Examiner: Abul Kalam

SIR:

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Respectfully submitted,

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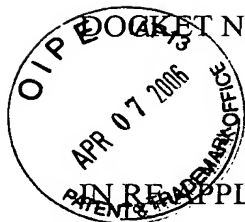
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In response to the restriction requirement dated March 7, 2006, Applicants elect without traverse Group I, drawn to a semiconductor device. However, while the outstanding Official Action identifies Claims 1-14 as belonging to Group 1, it is respectfully submitted that this indication was in error, and that Claims 1-16, each of which is directed to a semiconductor device, are properly classified as belonging in Group I. Therefore, in response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I Claims 1-16 for further examination on the merits.

In response to the election of species requirement, Applicants elect Embodiment 1 of figures 16 and 25, and identify Claims 1-4, 9 and 12-16 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

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Reply to Office Action of March 7, 2006

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-4, 9 and 12-16 is believed to be  
in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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